

# Beaverton Police

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Beaverton Police, working in cooperation with the “Three Flags Blitz” is in the first week of a two week enforcement blitz that is part of a national effort to increase seat belt compliance.

The enforcement blitz, which will last through June 6<sup>th</sup>, was preceded by an intersection survey that showed that 90% of motorists were in compliance with the seatbelt law. “Although Oregonians typically buckle-up with greater frequency than other states, the number of lives that can be saved by proper use makes the enforcement efforts of great importance”, commented Beaverton Police Chief David G Bishop.

The national click it or ticket campaign has increased the awareness level of the motoring public for the need to correctly use seatbelts.

Beaverton officers will be focusing on seatbelt compliance but are still committed to enforcing other violations that often play a role in serious collisions such as speeding and disobeying traffic control devices. Overtime enforcement is being paid for by a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

First time seatbelt offenders are given the option of taking a seatbelt safety class and having the original citation dismissed by municipal court.